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1. FINLAND'S NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE IS TUURE OLAVI HERMANNI
SALO, THE ONLY MINISTER FROM THE LIBERAL PARTY. THIS IS HIS
FIRST CABINET POSITION.

2. BORN FEBRUARY 7, 1921 IN ROVANIEMI, SALO GRADUATED WITH
A DEGREE IN LAW FROM HELSINKI UNIVERSITY IN 1947. A BANKER
IN THE LAPLAND CAPITAL OF ROVANIEMI, HE ENTERED THAT CITY'S
POLITICS IN THE 1950'S, SERVING ON THE CITY COUNCIL. HE
BECAME MAYOR OF ROVANIEMI IN 1963, A POSITION HE HAS HELD
UNTIL THE PRESENT. FROM 1962 TO 1970 HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER
OF PARLIAMENT AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL PEOPLES PARTY'S
PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN 1964-70.

3. SALO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN NORDIC AFFAIRS AND HAS MADE A
NUMBER OF STUDY TRIPS IN THE WEST. IN 1962 HE TRAVELED TO
THE US ON A SIX-WEEK ASLA LEADER GRANT (INFORMATION IN REFTTEL
SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS FACT). SALO IS
CONSIDERED VERY FRIENDLY TO THE US. IN 1963 HE SERVED
AS HOST FOR VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO
ROVANIEMI.

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4. SALO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER RAIJA SIRKKA KOCH.
THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN: MERJA, BORN 1962; TERHI (1955);
PETRI (1959); PIRKKA (1960) AND KIRSTI (1961). BOTH
MINISTER AND MRS. SALO SPEAK ENGLISH.
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